

2811
#3

81001PCW
Customer No. 01333

U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
SEARCHED SERIALIZED FILED
MAR 25 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: DAVID L. LOSEE, et al.

**METHOD FOR REDUCING DARK
CURRENT IN CHARGE COUPLED
DEVICES**

Serial No. US 09/660,105

Filed 12 September 2000

Group Art Unit: 2811

Examiner: To Be Assigned

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited today with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Lois A. Massar

March 27 2003

Date

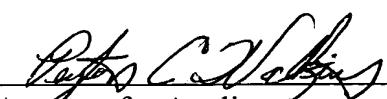
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

It is respectfully requested that the subject patent application be made special so that the application is advanced out of its regular order. This petition is requested because the application is *over 2-1/2 years old*, and the U.S. Patent Office has indicated that the application will not be examined for another 15 months or more. Due to the extraordinary time delay, it is respectfully requested that this action is justified.

Respectfully submitted,


Peyton C. Watkins
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 36,390

Peyton C. Watkins/lam
Rochester, NY 14650
Telephone: (585) 477-8282
Facsimile: (585) 477-4646

RECEIVED
MAR 27 2003

TC 2800 MAIL ROOM

RECEIVED

APR 1 0 2003

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2600